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I do not like the settlement proposed with the Microsoft corp. Allowing the company to just donate some stuff (computers & software) is useless and all other elements of the settlement are bad business.

Since I don't like to just complain here is a suggestion:

- 1. zap Microsoft with a huge fine (10 billion)
- 2. Use the fine to establish a trust (oversight by dept of Education and NSF) that Microsoft staffs and operates at their expense (for say 10 years))
- 3. The trust has the goal of giving away as much of it's yearly earnings as possible in 1 year (say \$2000, what I pay today) scholarships to 2nd, 3rd and 4th year college students.

the math... assume a 5 % rate of return from the investment market for the next 10 years

(\$10,000,000,000 * 0.05) / 2000 = 250,000,000 scholarships awarded per year.

That's a goal of up to 250 million scholarships. If the trust could award 200 million and retain a little income to grow the thing could perpetuate.

seems so simple to me, I guess I live in utopia.

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